



AMPAC Meeting

January 22, 2019



Agenda

- Introductions
- Meeting Notes
- Status Updates
- AMP Overview and Background
- Discussion on Strategies
- Public Comment
- Next Steps

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE

Mission: Provide regular input to City staff on the development of the Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP), generally in advance of broader public participation

Tasks:

- A. Provide input on plan development
- B. Discuss and advise on AMP related topics and questions
- C. Support community engagement efforts by reporting back to commissions, boards, and groups represented and sharing their feedback with the AMPAC

Ground Rules

- ✓ Treat each other with respect.
- ✓ Only one person speaks at a time.
- ✓ Give everyone a chance to participate equally; avoid dominating.
- ✓ Listen as an ally, not an adversary. Everyone should feel comfortable expressing their opinion regardless of differences.
- ✓ Ask for clarification, don't assume you know what someone means.
- ✓ Do not characterize other people's views in or outside a group's meetings.
- ✓ Turn off or silence all cell phones and mobile devices.

Status Updates

Recap: December AMPAC Meeting

- **Feedback on 6-8 Key Performance Indicators aligned with Guiding Principles**
 - Revisit how we are measuring access for all
 - Consider connections to Environmental Action Plan
 - Support organizing by guiding principle
- **Innovative ideas**
 - Can staff develop educational material on tradeoffs of various ideas?

AMP Pop-Up Events

November and December 2019

- **7** pop-ups
- **468** interactions
- Citywide coverage
 - ✓ Old Town
 - ✓ West End
 - ✓ Arlandria (x2)
 - ✓ Del Ray
 - ✓ Taylor Run
 - ✓ Alexandria West



Priority Activity



Mobility Priorities

Below are the "building blocks" of a transportation system that provides choice, convenience, and reliability. Unfortunately, we can't have everything we want – there's not enough space, money, or time. **What things do you think Alexandria should invest in the most?**



Attractive and Active Streets – Utilizing streets as public spaces to serve different functions—providing places to gather and to program activities.



Curbside Management – Allocating space to balance the needs of and limit conflicts between parked cars, delivery trucks, Uber/Lyft, taxis, bicycles, buses, and cars.



Reliable and Efficient Transit Service – Providing convenient, affordable, and reliable bus service throughout the day and on all days of the week. Improving access to rail stations and regional bus stops.



Incentives and Information – Make it easier and more attractive to choose alternatives to driving alone.



Mobility on Demand – Supporting shared mobility (e.g., Capital bikeshare, Zipcar, Uber/Lyft) with policies and infrastructure.



Parking – Increasing the physical inventory of on-street parking to taking action to manage the existing space better.



Safe and Comfortable Places to Walk and Bike – Allowing you to comfortably walk and bike everywhere in the city and improve accessibility for persons with disabilities.



Maintaining our Infrastructure – Keeping streetlights and traffic signals working, filling potholes, repaving streets, maintaining sidewalks, removing snow, and replacing aging bus fleet.



Traffic Management – Using technology to make travel in Alexandria safer and more efficient to get around.



Please choose your **top six building block stickers and place them on your sheet** in order of importance, from most important (top) to least important (bottom). Three of the themes will not be represented in the final pyramid.

My Priorities



most important

Most Important

more important

More Important

More Important

Important

Important

ALXmobility

690 activities completed

- 342 completed *in person* at pop-up meetings
- 348 completed *online* as of December 19, 2019



Key Takeaways

- Equal competing values between **multimodal transportation** and **traffic/maintenance**
- Linked priorities
 - Of those that chose "**Safe and Comfortable Places to Walk and Bike**" as their most important priority:
 - "**Reliable and Efficient Transit**" was the most frequently chosen priority in their more important row. The inverse is also true.
 - Of those that chose "**Congestion Management**" as their most important priority:
 - "**Maintaining our Infrastructure**" was the most frequently chosen priority in their more important row. The inverse is also true.

In Person Priorities (Weighted)

1

Safe and
Comfortable
Places to Walk
and Bike



2

Reliable
and Efficient
Transit



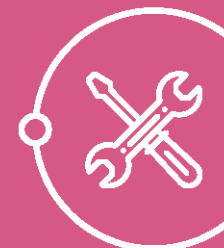
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Congestion
Management



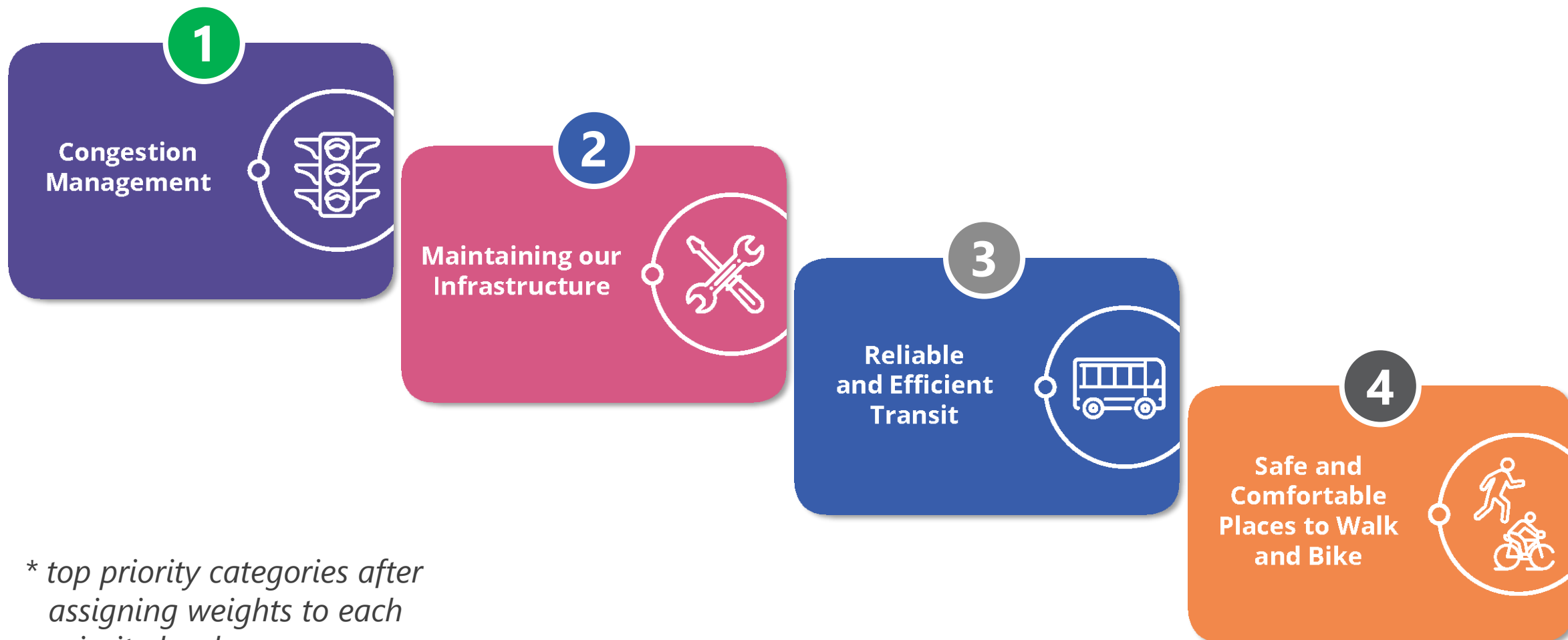
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Maintaining our
Infrastructure



** top priority categories after
assigning weights to each
priority level*

Online Priorities (Weighted)

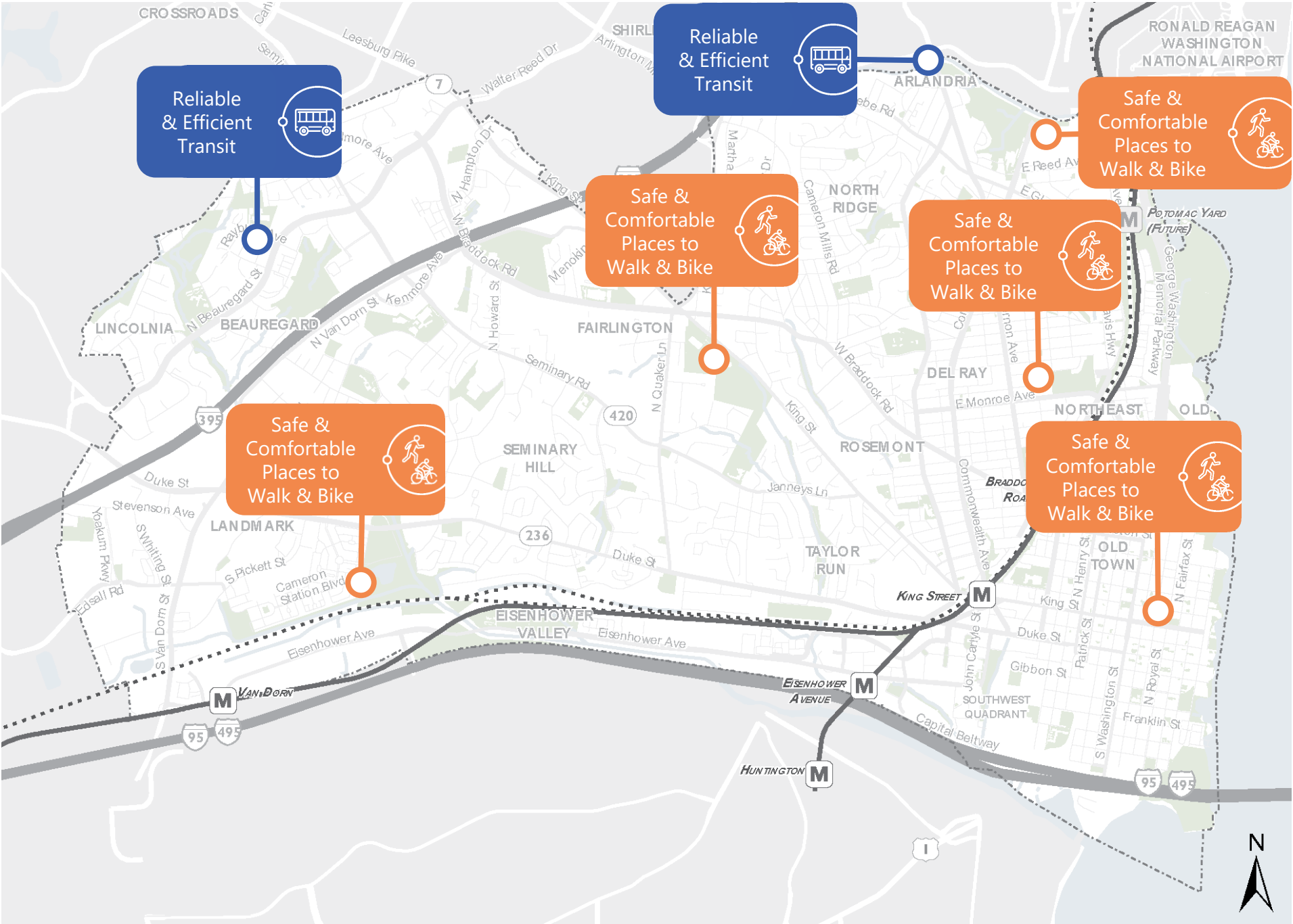


** top priority categories after assigning weights to each priority level*

Top Most Important Response by Location

Online:

Congestion Management



Top Comments by Location (In-Person)

Old Town Farmers Market

- Old Town area revolves around walking
- Transit service at later hours

West End Farmers Market

- The need to keep Alexandria a walking community
- Several requests for more bike lanes/mention of bike lanes ending abruptly
- Congestion has been getting worse

Arlandria Community Meeting

- The city does a lot of talking about walking, but “does not do much to support walking”
- Importance of public transit in this community
- Complaints of slow-moving buses

YMCA

- Safety and walkability are strong values in this community
- Concerns about infrastructure failure
- Metrorail access

Top Comments by Location (In-Person)

TC Williams High School

- Concerns about bus routes and frequency
- Equitable design
- More street lights

24 Hour Laundromat

- Crime and safety concerns on the streets – need for more street lights
- Free parking
- Bus service improvement during non-peak hours
- Fix potholes

Global Foods

- More transit access

Top Comments (Online)

Online

- Congestion concerns – often centered around Seminary Road
- Environmental and sustainability concerns
- Better transit around Alexandria

Overview and Background

Plan Context

- The region is growing
- We need to make sure Alexandria remains a livable city
 - Manage congestion
 - Protect neighborhoods
 - Improve traffic flow
 - Provide choices
- New technology poses opportunities and challenges



Source: Demographics Research Group at the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

Strategies

Plan Outline

Primary Location
within Document

Plan Overview Chapter

Chapter-Specific

Appendix

Vision

What we want for Alexandria



Guiding Principles

Broad philosophies that encompass the City's beliefs and values



Policy

Method to direct decision-making towards a stated vision



Recommendation

Specific and achievable strategy and/or project that supports accomplishment of the vision and guiding principles



Action

Trackable step toward implementing a recommendation

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)

Specific measures of our guiding principles which help us track progress

Discussion Purpose

- Community-generated ideas from a diverse audience.
- Ideas will be considered against the AMP Vision and Guiding Principles
- A subset will be shared in upcoming citywide community engagement events



What mobility strategies will most impact your life for the better?

Streets Strategy Discussion

Think about how people get around the City

- What should the City be doing to better manage traffic on our streets?
- What are your favorite streets in Alexandria? What do you like about them?
- What streets make people feel uncomfortable as users (driving, walking, wheeling, riding transit)? What could be changed?
- How can the City better balance the needs of all users on its street network?

Streets are the largest public resource within the City of Alexandria.

The city is responsible for 300 miles of roadways, 2,300 intersections and 430 miles of sidewalks.

This chapter of the AMP will reflect how streets should be used to increase quality of life.

Mobility Options Strategy Discussion

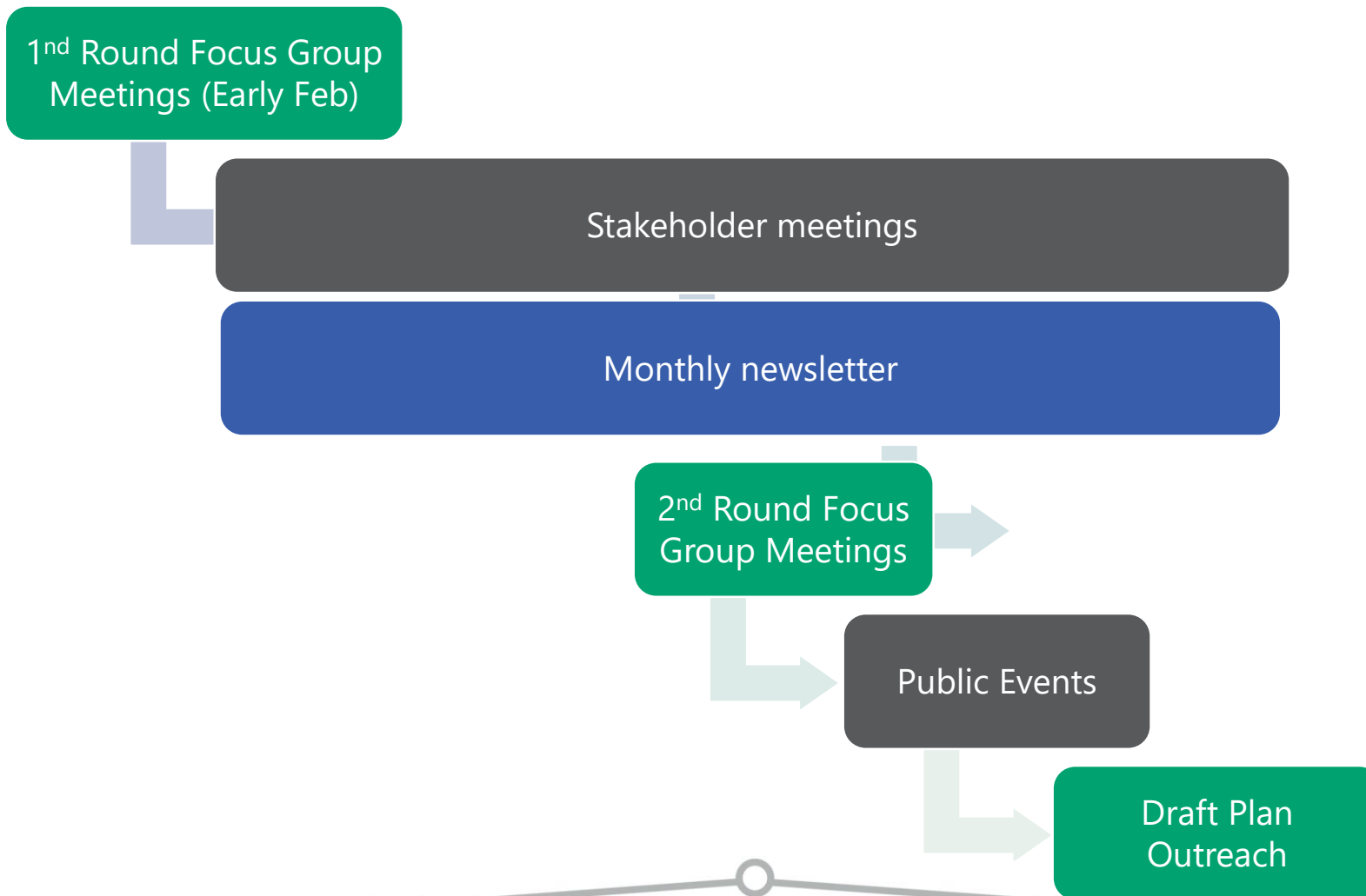
Think about what you consider as you make your travel choices

- Could incentives or improved information help you (or people you know) be more likely to carpool, take transit, walk, or bike?
 - What tools would be most effective?
 - For what types of trips?
- How could the City use technology to support improving mobility options?
- How should the City be evaluating new mobility options to increase choices?
- What ideas have you seen elsewhere that you'd like to see in Alexandria?

Mobility options – sometimes called Transportation Demand Management – are how we encourage non-single occupancy vehicle travel through incentives, information and increasing travel options to help reduce congestion and emissions and increase access.

Next Steps

Upcoming Community Engagement



Thank you!